

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS28349 / H0095

This legislation updates and clarifies the code section on magistrates commissions, the commission in each judicial district that appoints magistrate judges. This bill does 3 things: 1) Allows the administrative district judge to fill a temporary county clerk vacancy on the commission if the county clerk member by law because of conflict of interest cannot participate in an appointment of a magistrate. (The administrative district judge already does this to fill a temporary vacancy in the magistrate judge member on commission for similar conflicts in law.) 2) Reduce confusion about when terms expire by designating positions for each commission member (e.g. Mayors A, B, and C; Electors A and B; Attorneys A and B). 3) Shortens the terms of the commissioners from six years to five years in order to space out the expiring terms and prevent all 35 vacancies occurring at once.

## FISCAL NOTE

No fiscal impact, as the commission is already in place, and this change would only be in effect if there is a conflict.

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